

THERAPY SERVICES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Public Health Building
Distance Learning Center Room A
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky
January 17, 2017
8:30 a.m.**

The meeting of the Therapy Services Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Beth Ennis, Chair.

The TAC members in attendance: Beth Ennis, Linda Derossett (telephonically), Bethany Berry (telephonically), Leslie Sizemore (telephonically) and Jeff Holbrook (telephonically).

Medicaid staff in attendance: Dr. Gil Liu, Stephanie Bates, Jessica Jackson and Jeana Jolly.

Others in attendance: Kathleen Ryan (telephonically) Anthem ; Cathy Stephens and Mary Hiatt, Humana-CareSource; Lori Kent, Passport; Pat Russell, WellCare; Laura Crowder and Vonda Sickles, Aetna Better Health; Pam Marshall (telephonically), Marshall Pediatric Therapy; Marsha Herron (telephonically), Brittany Hunt (telephonically) and Bethany Thomas (telephonically), The Kid Spot Center.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 1, 2016 MEETING MINUTES:

There were no changes or corrections made to the minutes. Dr. Ennis will forward them to the Medicaid Advisory Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Has provider letter gone out regarding EPSDT? Any updates on Waiver transition times: Ms. Bates will invite someone from DMS to the next TAC meeting who is knowledgeable about the Waiver transitions, and she will send out an email updating the TAC on the Waiver transitions.
- (2) Feedback from TAC members on pre-cert issues: There were no pre-cert concerns from any TAC member.
- (3) Follow-up from Passport on MPPR: Ms. Kent with Passport reported that a conference call was held on this topic and minutes and a white paper were prepared. She will forward these to Dr. Ennis for distribution to the TAC and she will also follow up with Dr. Steve Houghland.
- (4) Clarification on provider types and use of codes: No concerns were voiced from any TAC member.
- (5) Follow-up for Aetna on three-month order requirement: Ms. Crowder with Aetna stated that the plan requires follow-up every three months for acute patients and every six months for chronic patients. Dr. Ennis will follow up with Mr. Workman on this.
- (6) Cabinet response on use of new evaluation codes: Ms. Bates stated that the change order on this has not gone through yet. Ms. Jackson noted that the start date was 1/1/17 and that the pricing has been approved. Dr. Ennis asked to be notified when these codes and fees are posted and she will inform the TAC members and providers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Review of usage numbers from MCOs and Cabinet: Dr. Ennis noted that the files for this were so big that they could not be sent via email, opened and shared with others. She stated there will need to be some teasing out of the information, and Ms. Bates suggested formulating questions based on the data and to submit the questions to DMS. Dr. Ennis asked that if TAC members had other questions for DMS to send those in next week so she can forward them on.
- (2) Request for provider numbers from MCOs: Dr. Ennis stated that knowing how many PT's, OT's and speech pathologists are on the rolls would help the TAC keep track of how many are signing up to be providers, as well as if providers are dropping out of the program. The MCOs were asked to provide this information by both unique providers and by locations.
- (3) Other new business from TAC members: There was no other new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Marshall asked how the Kentucky Marketplace Plan works, and Ms. Bates stated DMS would respond to the email she had sent.

DMS UPATE: Ms. Bates stated Senate Bill 20 went live on 12/1/16, and it will only be effective for dates of service 12/1/16 and after. She stated that the telehealth regulation is being updated, and she noted that there is no official decision at this point on the 1115 Waiver. She also introduced the new Medicaid Medical Director, Dr. Gil Liu.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAC: There were no recommendations to be made to the MAC.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 7, 2017, in the Distance Learning Center Room A, Public Health Building.

(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 23rd day of January, 2017.)